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CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
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Sir:

This is a request for filing a

☒ Continuation ☐ Divisional
 application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), of pending prior Application No. 09/189,284, filed November 10, 1998 for: TRANSPARENT ARTICLE HAVING PROTECTIVE SILICON NITRIDE FILM by: Robert B. Bond, Roger P. Stanek and Wayne Hoffman. The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Enclosed are:

- ☒ Specification and Abstract 12 pages
 ☐ Copy of Prior Specification
 or
 ☒ Substitute Specification including no new matter
- ☒ Drawings – One (1) sheets (Figs. 1-2)
- ☒ Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney
 ☐ Newly executed
 or
 ☒ Copy from prior application

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:					
	No. Filed	No. Extra	Small Entity Rate	OR	Large Entity Rate
Basic Fee			\$ 385	OR	\$ 770
Total Claims	18 - 20	= *	x 9 = \$*	OR	x 18 = \$0.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3	= *	x 43 = \$*	OR	x 86 = \$0.00
Presence of Multiple Dependent Claim			+ 145	OR	+ 290
		TOTAL	\$	TOTAL	\$ 770.00
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1. ☒ A check in the amount of \$0.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$770.00 to cover the application filing fee to our Deposit Account Number 06-1910.

2. ☐ Cancel in this application claims _____ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
3. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division of Application No. * filed *, which in turn is a _____.--
4. ☐ Priority of foreign application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119. The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. _____ on _____.
5. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Cardinal CG Company, recorded at Reel 011821, Frame 0395.
6. ☐ A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the prior application.
7. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed.
8. ☐ Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27.
9. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, and Compact Disc Transmittal are enclosed.
10. ☐ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i) (nonpublication).
11. ☒ Address all future communications to:

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to grant any extensions of time and to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 06-1910.

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAIL

“Express Mail” mailing label number EL 963530110 US. Date of Deposit: November 28, 2003. I hereby certify that this paper is being deposited with the United States Postal Service “Express Mail Post Office to Addressee” service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Patent Application, PO Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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